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107500104TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP02/13347INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
20 December 2002PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
28 December 2001

TITLE OF INVENTION: STAIRCASE

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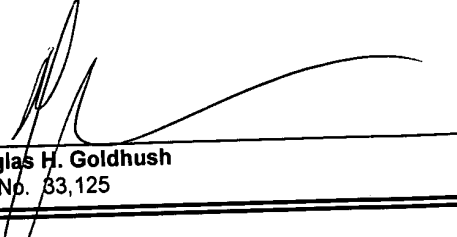
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
(THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED)
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 - 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, along with form PTO-1449 and 1 Reference.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
17. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
18. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☒ Other items or information: CHECK NO. 011630; Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-88; 88 sheets); PCT/ISA/210; PCT Request

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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee [37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]: Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$920.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482).....\$730.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO [37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)].....\$770.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) or international search fee [37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)] paid to USPTO.....\$1,080.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$ 100.00				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$ 920.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].					
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	32 - 20 =	12	X \$ 18.00	\$ 216.00	
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00		
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$290.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,136.00	
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,136.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)].					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1,136.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1,176.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
				Charged	\$

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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$<u>1,176.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222.</p>		
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>		
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p>		
<p>Customer Number 32294 SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP 8000 Towers Crescent Drive 14th Floor Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182-2700 Telephone: 703-720-7800 Fax: 703-720-7802</p>		 Douglas H. Goldhush Reg. No. 33,125